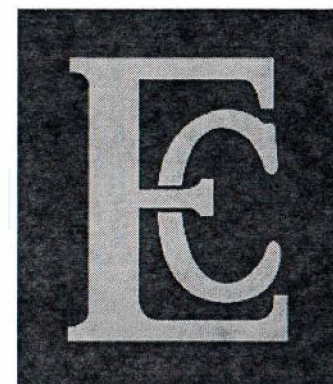


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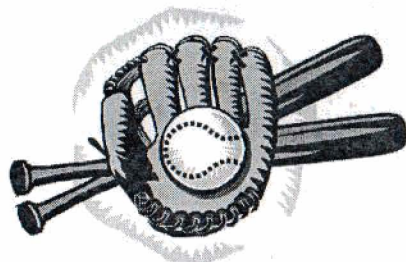
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2007 MACJC Champions

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Thursday, September 13, 2007

5:30 p.m.

Pavilion-ECCC Campus



2007 ECCC Diamond Warriors

Players

Jesus Aleman-Belle Glade, FL/University of West Alabama
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Daniel Carela-New York, NY/George Washington High School
Jacob Casey-Union/Union High School
Josh Denson-Lena/Carthage High School
Chad Gosselin-Flowood/Brandon High School
Adam Griffin-Philadelphia/Neshoba Central High School
Jace Hamilton-Water Valley/Water Valley High School
Colby Hawthorne-McNeil/Pearl River Community College
Terrell Hendrix-Starkville/East Oktibbeha High School
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Managers:

Ben McCurdy-Morton/Morton High School
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Program

Welcome.....Neal Holliman

Invocation.....Jordan Robinson
Team Captain

Dinner

Recognition of 2007 Award Recipients.....Neal Holliman

Chris Parkman
Team Captain

Jordan Robinson
Team Captain, 2nd Team All-State, Jamie Clark Warrior Award

Terrell Hendrix
1st Team All-State, Most Valuable Player, Most Valuable Defensive Player

George Washington
All Region 23, 1st Team All-State

Joe Patterson
2nd Team All-State, Most Valuable Pitcher

Josh Denson
2nd Team All-State, Most Improved Player

Jesus Aleman
2nd Team All-State

President's Remarks.....Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

Special Recognition.....Neal Holliman

Presentation of Rings and Photos.....Neal Holliman

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June 14, 2013

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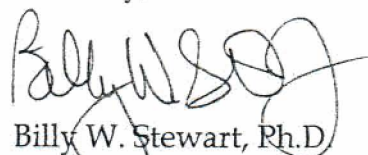
We have experienced an exciting year in Warrior Baseball this spring. Coaches Neal Holliman, Justin Brewer, Jack Edmondson, and the Warrior team claimed another State Championship during the 2013 baseball season. It has been an outstanding year with several of our sophomore players being offered an opportunity to play at the next level including Tim Anderson who was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the first round of the Major League Baseball First-year Player Draft.


To celebrate and recognize their success as State Champions, the Warrior Club will be purchasing State Championship rings for the team. A total cost for the purchase of team rings is estimated to be \$10,400. The Warrior Club, the ECCC Foundation, and the College want to ensure that each team member receives a championship ring to make it an experience they will remember for a lifetime.


We have had individuals contact the college with a desire to make donations to help offset the cost of championship rings. If you would like to make a donation in support of this ECCC Baseball achievement, it will be greatly appreciated. You may make your donation payable to the ECCC Warrior Club designated for Warrior Baseball Championship Rings.

If you have questions concerning this project, contact Chris Harris at 601-635-6401 or charris@eccc.edu or contact Neal Holliman at 601-635-6374 or nholliman@eccc.edu. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of ECCC athletes.

Sincerely,


Billy W. Stewart, Ph.D.
President

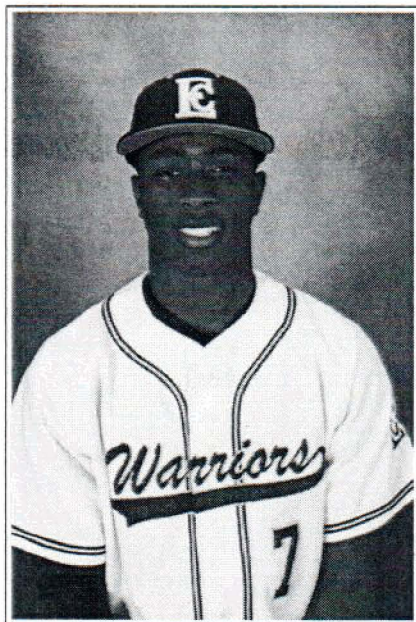

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06/07/2013



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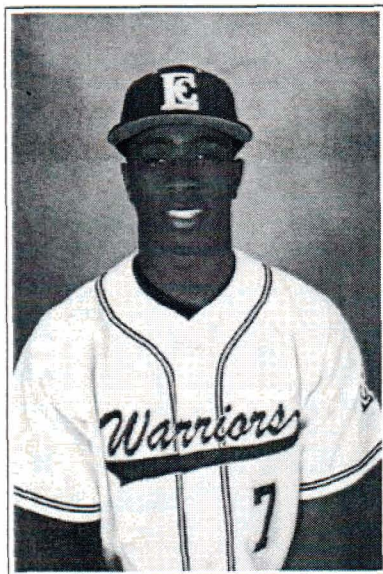
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ECCC's Tim Anderson Named NJCAA Division II Baseball All-American

06/05/2013



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Accolades continue for Major League Baseball prospect and former East Central Community College Diamond Warrior Tim Anderson who was selected a 2013 NJCAA Division II Baseball All-American, according to the NJCAA Web site.

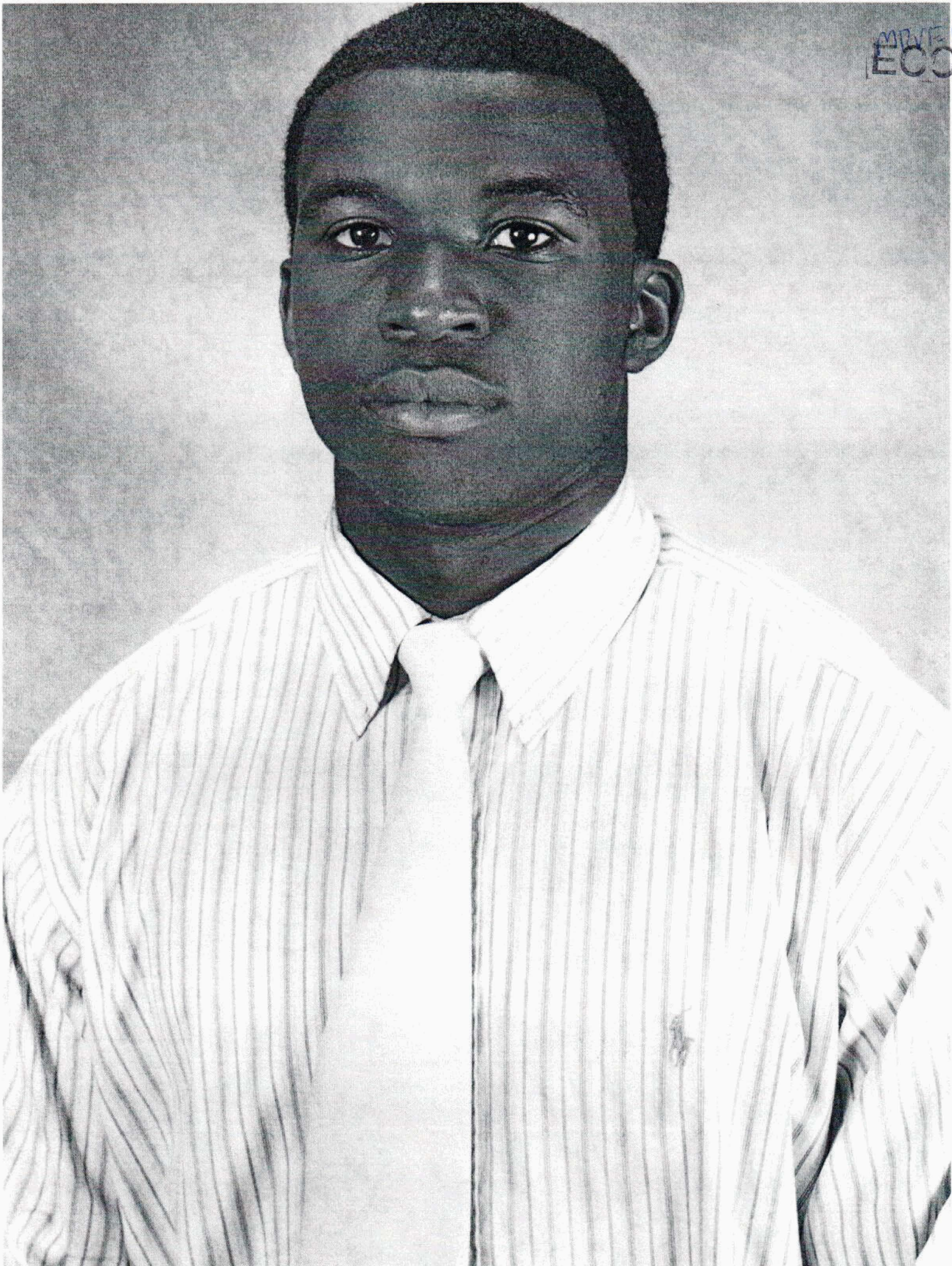
Anderson, who is projected to be a first-round selection in the MLB Draft scheduled Thursday, June 6, is the only player from a Mississippi community college selected a First Team NJCAA Division II All-American.

He earlier received All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State recognition for the second straight year and is among top nominees for 2013 NJCAA Division II Baseball Player of the Year.

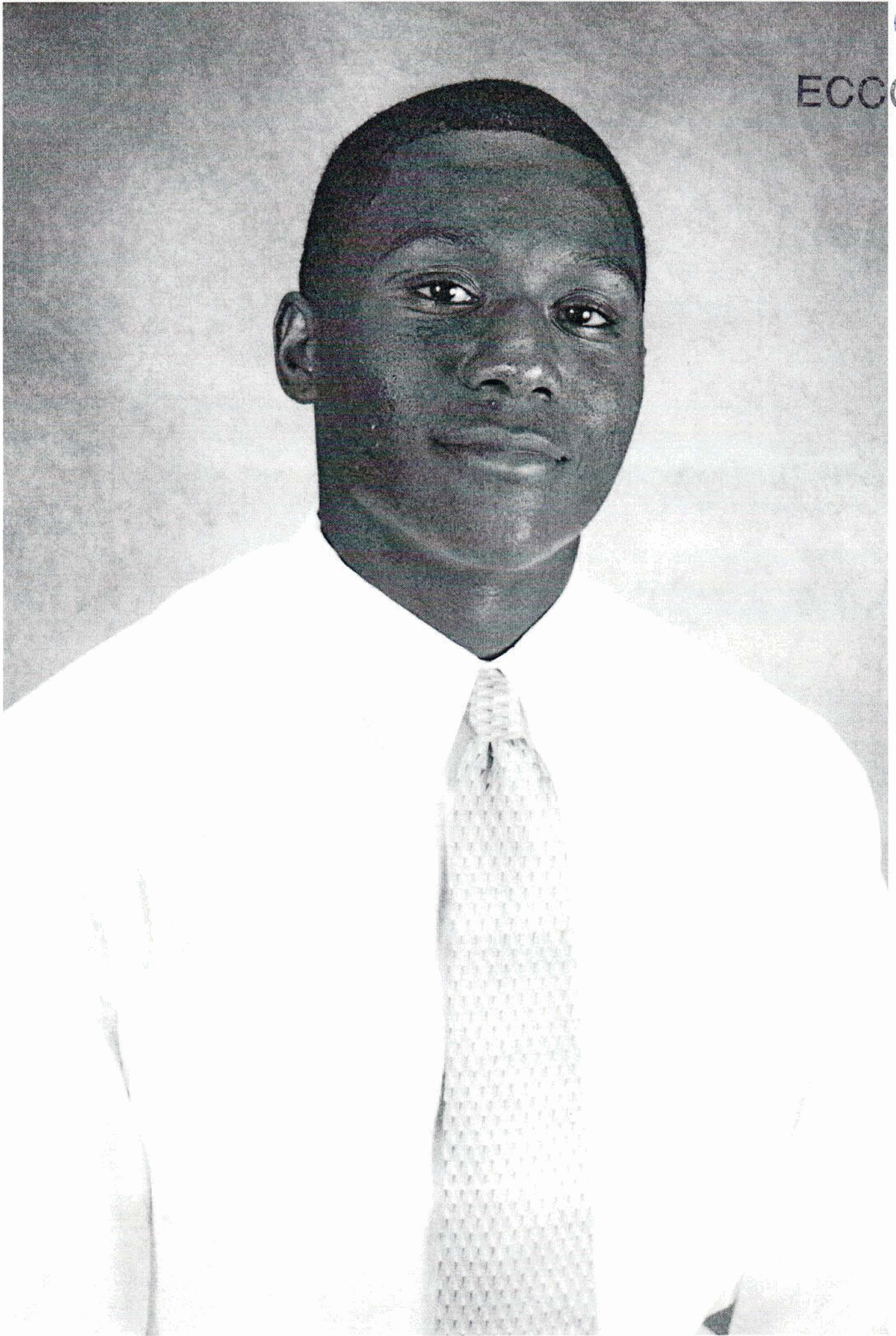
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The talented shortstop was also selected most valuable player on the Diamond Warriors' 2013 MACJC State Championship squad. Anderson is a product of Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

EC's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Justin Brewer, Jack Edmonson and Slater Lott.



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June 12, 2009

News Release:

**ECCC Diamond Warriors Eichelberger,
Hall Selected in Major League Baseball Draft**

"My dream has come true," commented former East Central Community College baseball player Daniel Eichelberger following his selection in the 20th round on Day Two of the 2009 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft held Wednesday, June 10.

Eichelberger, a 6', 175-pound centerfielder, was chosen by the Los Angeles Angels. He received the news about his selection while in Wyoming, where he is participating in Mountain Collegiate Baseball League as a member of the Laramie Colts.

"I'm just overjoyed," said the Louisville High School standout via a cell phone interview. "So many people have called to congratulate me and told me to enjoy the moment. I'm just trying to stay humble while also being very excited. Hopefully I can take advantage of this opportunity and make it all the way."

He will obviously hope to follow the success of former ECCC Diamond Warrior and fellow Louisville product Marcus Thames of the Detroit Tigers. Holliman said the two communicate on a regular basis.

Eichelberger batted .343 for the Diamond Warriors in 2009 and led the team in home runs with 10 and RBIs with 49. He also pounded 13 doubles and scored 47 runs. Eichelberger played just one year at ECCC, having transferred from Delta State University.

Diamond Warrior head coach Neal Holliman said Eichelberger has a "different" approach to playing baseball as compared to a lot of players.

"His is a business approach," Holliman said. "Daniel is not only preparing for tomorrow's game, but he's also preparing to play professional baseball. A lot of kids say they want to play pro ball, but he prepared himself for it. He is a no-nonsense kind of person and is very disciplined." Eichelberger's coach at Louisville was Charlie Smith, whose son Drew serves as a student assistant coach for Coach Holliman.

Also drafted is former Diamond Warrior ZeErika Hall of Carthage, who was selected nine rounds later by the New York Mets. Hall, a 6', 175-pound outfielder, batted .369 with 34 RBIs. He led the team in doubles with 21 and stolen bases with 22. He also had four triples and scored a team-best 48 runs. Hall is a former

standout at Carthage High School where he played for former Diamond Warrior David Luke.

Regarding his opportunity to play professional baseball, Hall replied in a cell phone interview, "It feels great...I've always dreamed about this moment...and to sign with my favorite team, the Mets, makes this even more special."

Hall said he received the news while in Alabama, where he plays for the East Alabama Big Train, a member of the Great South Summer Baseball League. The public address announcer at the team's game Wednesday (June 10) with the Windward Braves recognized Hall for being drafted. Hall said he received congratulations from team members and fans following the announcement, which "was quite a thrill."

Holliman said Hall was "a little overwhelmed" when he came to East Central, but soon "grew up, matured and became serious about maximizing his potential as a community college baseball player, which became evident when he was drafted."

Holliman said Eichelberger and Hall are a "joy to be around...both are very well mannered. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching both of them."

Eichelberger and Hall were among several Diamond Warriors who signed national letters of intent with Mississippi Valley State University. Pending negotiations, both are expected to sign professional contracts within a few days.

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June 7, 2013

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, June 6, 2013

WHITE SOX SELECT SHORTSTOP TIM ANDERSON WITH THEIR FIRST PICK OF THE 2013 MLB DRAFT

CHICAGO – The Chicago White Sox selected shortstop Tim Anderson out of East Central Community College in Decatur, Miss., with their first pick (17th overall) in tonight's Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Anderson, a 19-year-old sophomore, was named a First-Team NJCAA Division II All-American in 2013 after leading the nation with a .495 (91-184) average and 62 runs scored while finishing second with 41 stolen bases.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Anderson added 10 homers, 11 triples, 18 doubles, 45 RBI, a .563 on-base and .864 slugging percentage for the Diamond Warriors this season.

Anderson, who bats and throws right-handed, is a finalist for the NJCAA Division II Player of the Year award and was rated by Baseball America as the second-best shortstop prospect in the 2013 draft. As a freshman in 2012, he was successful on all 30 stolen base attempts.

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Prior to being drafted by Chicago, Anderson signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He is a product of Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Anderson joins outfielders Courtney Hawkins (2012, 13th overall) and Keenyn Walker (2011, 47th), left-handed pitcher Chris Sale (2010, 13th), outfielder Jared Mitchell (2009, 23rd) and infielder Gordon Beckham (2008, 8th) as the White Sox most recent first selections in the draft.

Anderson was recommended by White Sox scout Warren Hughes.

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Potential picks get first-round Manhattan treatment

Bus tour, Fan Cave stop among the highlights prior to Draft night

By Mark Newman / MLB.com

NEW YORK -- Clint Frazier was wearing an Angels cap during his big day before Thursday's start of the First-Year Player Draft, not by design but because it was "the first hat I could find" that matched his red-and-white-checkered shirt.



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The top available high school prospect, an outfielder from Loganville, Ga., sat on top of a red double-decker, an All-Star Game-decorated "David Wright Bus" that toured Manhattan, and he was informed by the guide about the background of landmarks such as Times Square, the Charging Bull of Wall Street and the new Freedom Tower. But for Frazier, the high point of the ride was not the architecture, it was a conversation with a fellow passenger.

"Just sitting next to Billy McKinney the whole time and talking about the Draft and how he handled some of the hype this year and everything he went through -- I think that was probably the highlight," Frazier said. "Just getting a feel for what someone else was going through. It didn't really matter to him where he got drafted, just the opportunity to play professional baseball and go out and play."

The 2013 First-Year Player Draft will take place tonight through Saturday, beginning with the Draft preview show on MLB.com and MLB Network tonight at 6 p.m. ET. Live Draft coverage from MLB Network's Studio 42 begins at 7 p.m., with the top 73 picks being streamed on MLB.com and broadcast on MLB Network. Rounds 3-10 will be streamed live on MLB.com on Friday, beginning with a preview show at 12:30 p.m., and Rounds 11-40 will be streamed live on MLB.com on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

MLB.com's coverage includes [Draft Central](#), the [Top 100 Draft Prospects list](#) and Draft Tracker, a live interactive application that includes a searchable database of Draft-eligible players. You can also keep up to date by following [@MLBDraft](#) on Twitter. And you can get into the Draft conversation by tagging your tweets with [#mlbdraft](#).

Frazier and McKinney, another high school outfielder, from Plano, Texas, were among nine prospects expected to be drafted in the first round. Also in attendance were East Central Community College infielder Tim Anderson; South Carolina high school catcher Nicholas Ciuffo; high school catcher Jon Denney; Fresno State outfielder Aaron Judge; high school infielder J.P. Crawford and high school first baseman Dominic Smith, both products of the MLB Urban Youth Academy in Compton, Calif.

They got the first-round treatment, all right. They went from the bus tour with their families to the MLB Fan Cave for lunch, got an inspirational speech from MLB Network's Harold Reynolds on how to handle their coming fame and careers, and then it was up to Yankee Stadium on a bus for a private tour while the home team is off in Seattle. Then it was out to Secaucus, N.J., for the big night -- at the MLB Network Studio 42 to watch Commissioner Bud Selig read the first-round selections.

"This is just an awesome experience, a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I'll never go through again -- assuming I sign," Frazier said. "I had to come up here just because of the feeling I would get once I got drafted, the feeling of walking through the city with my family, spending the last time I have with them."

The previous high for the most players attending a Draft was five, last year's total. Among last year's attendees was the No. 1 overall choice, shortstop Carlos Correa of the Astros organization. Attendees in previous years have included the 2012 American League Rookie of the Year, Angels outfielder Mike Trout (2009); Twins outfielder Aaron Hicks (2008); and Nationals pitcher Ross Detwiler (2007).

"Major League Baseball is very pleased with the turnout for this year's Draft," Commissioner Selig said. "We look forward to showing these young men and their families a memorable evening, on such a special occasion in their lives, with the many accomplished baseball figures who will represent our 30 Clubs at MLB Network's Studio 42."

Ciuffo, who led his team to a state title two weeks ago, called the whole treatment "first-class. I would have never thought in a million years that I'd come here and experience this. You have high expectations for coming into the Draft, but this has been an awesome day."

"I've been looking forward to going to Yankee Stadium a lot. I'm friends with Brett Gardner, who's from South Carolina. He always tells us how good things are at Yankee Stadium. I was looking forward to seeing the behind-the-scenes stuff. That's

what I like. Everybody sees the field. I like to see the video room, the batting cage, the locker room. Stuff that not a lot of other people get to see."

Sitting next to him during the bus tour was Judge.

"It was great seeing all the sights. I've never been to New York," Judge said, "so it was great just seeing all the architecture, seeing the Freedom Tower. I had a chance to get down to the 9/11 Memorial. It was a great experience. There was so much to remember, I can't tell you everything we saw."

The big night awaited. Judge looked around inside the Fan Cave before his lunch and called it "a dream come true."

"I've been waiting for this my whole life," he said. "Just getting to experience this with my parents, it's a blast. I'm blessed. Thanks to my friends and teammates I've had for getting the opportunity to come here."

Mark Newman is enterprise editor of MLB.com. Read and join other baseball fans on his [MLB.com community blog](#). This story was not subject to the approval of Major League Baseball or its clubs.

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